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"Panama supports initiatives such as this that lead our country in the right direction, " Panamanian First VP and FM Samuel Lewis told U.S. Ambassador Eaton and Russian Ambassador to Panama Evgeny Voronin when they delivered reftel demarche on March 29. Panamanian MFA DG for International Political Affairs Javier Bonogas and Senior Advisor for UNSC Affairs Nils Castro accompanied Lewis. U.S. and Russian Ambassadors invited Panama to become a partner nation in President Putin's and President Bush's Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism and to notify formally both ambassadors in writing if Panama was prepared to support this initiative's statement of principles. Lewis undertook to examine the statement of principles and to provide a response to this joint U.S.-Russian presentation. Ambassador also previewed this demarche with Lewis on the margins of a March 28 dinner at the Ambassador's residence. EATON